

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

TOMINAGA et al.

Application No.: 10/772,272

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For: INOSINE PRODUCING  
BACTERIUM BELONGING TO  
THE GENUS BACILLUS AND  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
INOSINE

Art Unit: 1645

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2006, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. A Petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), is filed concurrently herewith.